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Gates recommends new military leaders

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced Jan. 5 his recommendations to President Bush for nominations to fill key military leadership and command positions.

Gates recommended that U.S. Navy Adm. William J. "Fox" Fallon, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, succeed U.S. Army Gen. John Abizaid as commander of the U.S. Central Command. Abizaid has commanded CENTCOM since July 7, 2003 and is due to retire this spring.

"In departing Central Command, Gen. John Abizaid will cap what has been one of the most storied military careers in recent memory," Gates said in a press release.

Gates called Fallon the right person to take over from Abizaid.

"A naval flight officer who flew combat missions in Vietnam, Adm. Fallon combines nearly four decades of military experience with a fresh perspective on the challenges America faces in the Central Command's area of operations," Gates said. "Fox Fallon is one of the best strategic thinkers in uniform today and his reputation for innovation is without peer."

Gates also recommended

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Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus to succeed Army Gen. George Casey as commander of Multinational Force Iraq.

He recommended Casey, in turn, for appointment as the new U.S. Army chief of staff, to replace Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld called Schoomaker from retirement in 2003 to serve in the top Army post. Casey served as Schoomaker's vice chief of staff before becoming commander of ground forces in Iraq.

Petraeus has served as commander of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., since Oct. 20, 2005.

Before that, he served three critical missions in Iraq: commanding the 101st Airborne Division, the Multinational Security Transition Command and the NATO Training Mission Iraq.

Petraeus led the 101st Division in Mosul during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In that role, he "oversaw a multifaceted program that within months established local government, restarted the local economy and stood up local security forces," Gates noted.

Petraeus served as the first commander of the Multinational Security Transition Command from June 2004 to September 2005 and commanded the NATO Training Mission Iraq from October 2004 through September 2005.

As he launched and led the coalition's program to train and equip Iraq's army and police, Petraeus has been leading the effort to rewrite the military's doctrine for defeating the insurgency, Gates said.

Casey, who has served as commander of Multinational Force Iraq since July 2004, is the right person to hold the top Army uniformed position, Gates said.

"There is no officer at this time

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Armed Forces Blood Drive

Tammy Montlavo, a civilian technician from Fort Lewis, Wash., prepares to collect blood from Cadet 3rd Class Rebecca Moschel (left) and Cadet 4th Class Joseph Vanduser. The Armed Services Blood Program, in coordination with the American Red Cross, conducted their annual blood drive here at Eisenhower Hall Monday through Thursday. The ASBP collects blood only from servicemembers, government civilians, retirees and their family members. Much of the blood will be stored to be sent to operation theaters, when needed, and some will be distributed locally.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

New governance will improve military health care system

By Sgt. Sara Wood, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The new governance plan for the military health care system, which is in its very early stages, will improve the care given to troops and their families in today's joint environment, the Defense Department's top health official said Jan. 5.

The idea behind the new governance plan is to have the separate military services work together even more closely than they do now in the area of health care. This will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the system, Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said in an interview at the Pentagon.

"Our system does work well now; we have great outcomes in

battlefield medicine and in the care of our wounded -- the best in history," Winkenwerder said. "But we have a vision, we have a clear set of ideas that things can work even better."

The new governance plan was approved by Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England Nov. 27, 2006. It calls for joint oversight and leadership of several key functional areas across the health system, such as education and training, medical research and health care delivery.

Under the new plan, large local markets that serve more than one branch of the military will have a unified authority, Winkenwerder explained. This will allow for better decision making, increased cost effectiveness and shared resources, he said.

The Defense Department will consolidate medical education and

training at a new center in San Antonio, and it will also consolidate medical research. Any research that is unique to a specific service will be preserved, Winkenwerder added.

"One of the things that we wanted to do was to not break anything that works well today; we don't think we're going to do that at all," he said.

DOD health care has already consolidated in one area -- information technology. Winkenwerder praised the new electronic medical records system, AHLTA, the "Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application," which is used by all services at all military treatment facilities.

"We have the chance to do that

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Effects of warm winter on people, plants, animals

Commentary by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Many people are enjoying the spring-like winter weather we are having here and in many parts of the country as well as in Europe. Flowering bushes like forsythia, which generally bloom in early spring, were seen in the local area in late December. New York City and the Hudson Valley have not seen the white stuff yet. This is the latest the area has gone without snow since 1877.

New Jersey had its warmest December since records started being kept 111 years ago, according to "ABC News."

Cherry trees are in bloom in Washington, D.C., and the fall-blooming cherry trees around West Point are blooming for the second time. Golfers are enjoying an extended season and heating bills are a bit lower. That's the

good news.

The bad news is ticks carrying Lyme disease are more active now as they are in warmer weather, according to Jim Beemer, fish and wildlife biologist here.

"With this warm weather, people need to take the same precautions against ticks as they do in spring and summer months," he said.

There is one thing that Beemer noticed that took him by surprise this winter.

"I went out to my yard in December and saw earth worms just after a rain, which is something that is quite odd at this time of year," he said. "Earth worms generally bore really deep into the ground before winter." Worms were also out after Monday's rain along Thayer Walkway.

Beemer has also noticed other odd animal behavior locally due to the warmer-than-usual winter.

"The Red-winged Blackbird is still around," Beemer said.

"They generally fly south before this time of year. Northern ducks are not making their way down from Canada as they usually do, either."

The early blooms are also having some effect on people who usually suffer from spring/summer allergies or are allergic to mold. Although there has been a rise in flu cases this year, the deaths from pneumonia are below the epidemic threshold for December, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Blooms generally signaling spring may not be around when they should be if there is a hard freeze. Tulips may need to be replaced as a freeze can kill the bulbs.

Many retailers are not able to

sell the usual snow shovels, winter clothes and salt or ice scrapers. Many ski centers are operating in the red due to no snow and temperatures are not dropping enough to make snow. Some migratory birds are not making the trip south and hibernating animals are not sleeping, allowing them to continue to forage for food in some parts of the country.

According to meteorologists, this weather pattern is not necessarily part of global warming, but due to El Niño, a cyclical warming trend now underway in the Pacific Ocean, which in turn affects the jet stream and has an effect on the weather. The Plains have seen back-to-back blizzards in the past two weeks,

but the generally frigid state of Minnesota has cancelled ice fishing in many areas because the ice is too thin. St. Paul, Minn., may need to cancel their annual winter carnival in late January, which generally includes fantastic and imaginative ice sculptures.

Most people in our area are enjoying the weather, but with a certain amount of dread. There is the fear that we will be paying for it sometime in the near future with a severe weather event. But if some meteorologists who believe that El Niño is strengthening are correct, this warming trend could continue well into March.

SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	3	4				9		

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Hard

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Local and National News

Army announces signing bonus for short-timers

WASHINGTON (Military Report) -- The Army has a special "signing bonus" for short-timers who extend their enlistments within the next three-and-a-half months.

Under a policy that took effect Wednesday, the Army will increase Selective Re-enlistment Bonus multipliers for Soldiers whose current terms of service expire in fiscal 2007 and who re-enlist by April 30.

Depending on a Soldier's rank and length of re-enlistment, the special incentive can equate to a bonus plus-up of up to \$7,500.

The new incentive also applies

to Soldiers who have expiration term-of-service dates before Oct. 1 but who have been retained, or will be retained, on active duty because of stop-loss restrictions.

The cap and multiplier increases are in addition to regular caps and multipliers in effect at the time of re-enlistment.

The ETS Selective Re-enlistment bonus program applies to all SRB announcements currently in effect.

Included in that category is the inventory-based SRB program that was updated Jan. 5, and the location-based and "deployed"

programs that were revised Dec. 22.

ETS bonuses are a major feature of the fiscal 2007 retention campaign because they directly affect end strength. Soldiers who otherwise would count against end strength are added to the plus column when they re-enlist.

Last year, the Army re-enlisted more than 64,000 Soldiers and paid out \$623 million in retention bonuses, according to Lt. Col. Gerald Conway, chief of the enlisted professional development branch, Office of the G-1, at the Pentagon.

Conway said he expects bonuses to total about the same in fiscal 2007, although the mission (62,200) is slightly smaller than 2006.

The new retention option increases bonus multipliers by 1.5 for Soldiers with ETS dates of Oct. 1, 2006, through Sept. 30, 2007. The increases are based on a Soldier's contractual expiration

term of service date, not his stop-loss ETS date.

As an example, a specialist in MOS 11B (infantryman) is entitled to a 1.5A multiplier and a bonus capped at \$10,000 under the regular inventory SRB program.

However, if that same Soldier has an ETS before Oct. 1, he now is eligible for a 3.0 multiplier and lump-sum bonus of up to \$17,500 if he re-ups by April 30.

For the past two years, the SRB programs have featured lump-sum tiered payment caps of \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000, \$25,000, \$30,000 and \$40,000, depending on rank and military occupational specialty.

To qualify, Soldiers must have at least 17 months to 14 years of service and agree to extend their military careers by three to six years. The bonuses are tax-free if paid in a combat zone.

Soldiers who extend their current terms of service to enter the Bonus Extension and Retraining

program are not eligible for the increases.

However, Soldiers who re-enlist upon completion of BEAR training are eligible for the bonus plus-up if their ETS is before Oct. 1.

Army policy does not allow Soldiers to cancel a service extension, to include a BEAR extension, to gain entitlement to the ETS cap and multiplier increases, according to personnel officials.

Also, the new bonus entitlement is not retroactive for ETS-eligible Soldiers who already have re-enlisted.

For additional details about the ETS bonus program, Soldiers should contact their local retention noncommissioned officer.

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Gen. George Casey

Schoomaker's vision and leadership, the transformation of the Army is well on its way, to the benefit of our Soldiers, their families, and the safety of our nation," Gates said. "Every American is in Gen. Schoomaker's debt for his willingness to return to active service and embrace such a daunting assignment at a critical time in our nation's history."

Gates noted the mix of experience, skills, creativity and strategic vision that is essential in key national security positions, and said Casey, Petraeus and Fallon possess these talents.

"We are engaged in three wars -- in Iraq, Afghanistan, and against jihadist terrorism worldwide," Gates said. "As secretary of defense, and as a citizen, I firmly believe that Gens. Petraeus and Casey and Adm. Fallon, as individuals and as a team, bring to the challenges that face us, the qualities necessary to be successful in war and to protect the American people."

better suited to be Army chief of staff than Gen. George Casey," Gates said. "General Casey knows first hand the capabilities the U.S. Army must have to succeed in the complex and unconventional campaigns of the 21st century."

Gates praised Schoomaker, who has served as the Army chief of staff since, Aug. 1, 2003.

"As a result of Gen.

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kind of thing in other areas, and that's what the new governance plan is about," he said.

The new governance plan will not create a new joint command with one surgeon general, Winkenwerder explained. The services will maintain their separate surgeons general, he said, but major changes in governance will happen across the board.

The new governance system will require a transition process, Winkenwerder said. Details of the plan still need to be worked out, and a transition team will be appointed to map the execution of the plan, which is expected to be complete

by 2009.

Key goals of the new plan are to save taxpayer dollars and improve the health care given to troops and their families, Winkenwerder said. He praised the services for their cooperation and compromise in developing the plan and expressed optimism about the success of the plan.

"Ultimately, all of this needs to be about producing a better product, producing a better result, all in the interest of our servicemembers and their families," he said. "They deserve the best that we can provide them, and that's the goal of all this."

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Military police duo succeed at Army schools

**Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor**

West Point is a place known for the great academic prowess and physical ability of its cadets, but the cadets who reside at the U.S. Military Academy aren't the only ones who've cornered the market on success with their minds and bodies.

Two Soldiers from the Military Police Company, part of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment here, returned from their schools recently with high honors to show that West Point also motivates enlisted Soldiers to bigger and better things.

Second Lt. Charles Heberer received Honor Graduate status at the 14-week Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga., when he finished in the top 10 percent of his 142-member Dec. 7 graduating class through test scores, peer evaluations and physical training scores.

Heberer, who achieved the rank of Sgt. 1st Class as an enlisted Soldier, was happy to receive the honors, but was just as happy to see his classmates succeed and better themselves in becoming officers.

"The most important part for me was how my peers felt about me and that helped me to receive the honor grad by my peer evaluations," Heberer said. "However, I didn't go to the course with as many years as I have [in the Army] to seek or grab any glory, but it came. I was just happy to see others in my unit graduate and do well, too."

The 15-year Army veteran began his trek to becoming an officer when he was asked to review an officer packet of his squad leader, now 2nd Lt. William O'Neal, before he sent it to the company commander and then to the garrison commander. It was during the reviewing process that it dawned on him that he could be

an officer, too.

"Looking over [the packet], I said, 'hey, I qualify for this,' and it was something I didn't [qualify for] earlier in my career because I didn't have the college credits. [Being at] West Point allowed me to get those college credits," Heberer explained. "So then I put a packet in with his and we ended up going together [to OCS] and now we leave again [Jan. 5] for our next school."

Heberer, who has been a Military Policeman since 1995 after he was a combat engineer and a field artilleryman, will branch into the Military Police after he finishes his next two schools -- the Basic Officer Leadership Course and the Officer Basic Course.

After he completes OBC at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in May, he will then head to Fort Drum, N.Y., where he will be attached to the 91st MP Detachment.

He's very excited at the opportunity to better himself, but at the same time he's cautious about the differences between NCO and officer roles that could have an impact on him.

"For me to make this change, it's going to be a true test," said the former platoon sergeant and PMO operations sergeant. "The hardest transition is NCOs are doers and officers are planners. I must stay in my lane. That will be my biggest challenge -- to allow a platoon sergeant to do his job without interference and for me to do my job."

The Belfast, Maine, native, credits many junior leaders along the way with helping him become a self-motivator. He is motivated to join a unit that will be a part of the action overseas.

"It's kind of like being on a sports team, you practice, practice, practice, but eventually you want to play a game. The war's on now, so I spent 15-plus years practicing to go to war," Heberer stated.

Staff Sgt. Cameron Regur, like



**Second Lt.
Charles Heberer**

least, another two years.

Regur completed Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, S.C., Dec. 15, and he came away as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of the 32 Soldiers that graduated the school.

He excelled in three areas to become a "Total Soldier" as he achieved a high PT score, academic grade point average and was solid in his leadership attributes.

"I was pretty surprised at first when I was told [I earned the DHG] because I didn't realize my academic average was as high as it was," Regur said. "I felt honored that the cadre [showed me that much] respect because they told me that none of them were an honor grad at Drill Sergeant School ... it was an honor for me because I realized that they were on top of

Heberer, has goals for his career in the Army, but his path will keep him on the enlisted side for, at the very

their drill sergeant game."

The nine-year Army veteran and former road patrol supervisor at West Point will head to Fort Leonard Wood Jan. 22, and begin a two-year stretch as a basic training drill sergeant.

Regur acknowledged that his leadership and next door neighbor helped steer him in the right direction to become a drill sergeant.

"My company leadership took care of me. First Sgt. [Charles] Reed and Sgt. 1st Class [George] Wetzel were a big help. I learned a lot from them," Regur explained. "Reed and Sgt. 1st Class [Richard] Martell were drill sergeants at Fort Jackson, so I got a lot of support and help from them and pretty much from anybody who was a drill sergeant and knew I was going to Drill Sergeant School -- they stepped up and set me on the right path.

"Even my neighbor, who just got here in August, found out I was going and gave me a lot of tips as he just got off the drill sergeant trail, recently," he added.

The Fort Madison, Iowa, native, was also considering putting in a warrant officer school packet, but decided that being a drill sergeant was a better opportunity for him in

that it was a way for him to make a difference.

"I like working with Soldiers, so I wanted to stay enlisted," Regur said.

"[At basic training] you have to be hard on them and I learned when I did embedded training with privates at school that you need to be hard on them or they won't do what you want them to do. At the same time, you have to care about them as people because it's a big life changing experience for them to come into the Army ... as it was for me."



**Staff Sgt.
Cameron Regur**

The many hazards of carbon monoxide

Submitted by the
Safety Office

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. It results from incomplete oxidation of carbon in combustion. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home.

At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure.

Sources of Carbon Monoxide

Unvented kerosene and gas space heaters; leaking chimneys and furnaces; back-drafting from furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces; gas stoves; generators and other gasoline powered equipment; automobile exhaust from attached garages and tobacco smoke are all sources.

Incomplete oxidation during combustion in gas ranges and unvented gas or kerosene heaters may cause high concentrations of CO in indoor air.

Worn or poorly adjusted and maintained combustion devices (e.g., boilers, furnaces) can be significant sources or, if the flue



is improperly sized, blocked, disconnected or is leaking, CO may be present.

Auto, truck or bus exhaust from attached garages, nearby roads or parking areas can also be a source.

Health Effects Associated with Carbon Monoxide

At low concentrations, fatigue in healthy people and chest pain in people with heart disease can occur. At higher concentrations, impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion and nausea are symptoms.

It can cause flu-like symptoms that clear up after leaving home or the place of exposure. Acute effects are due to the formation of carboxyhemoglobin in the blood, which inhibits oxygen intake.

At moderate concentrations, angina, impaired vision and reduced brain function may result. At higher concentrations, CO exposure can be fatal.

Steps to Reduce Exposure to Carbon Monoxide

It is most important to be sure combustion equipment is maintained and properly adjusted. Vehicular use should be carefully managed adjacent to and in buildings. Additional ventilation can be used as a temporary measure when high levels of CO are expected for short periods of time.

■ Keep gas appliances properly adjusted.

■ Consider purchasing a vented

space heater when replacing an unvented one.

■ Use proper fuel in kerosene space heaters.

■ Install and use an exhaust fan vented to outdoors over gas stoves.

■ Open flues when fireplaces are in use.

■ Choose properly-sized wood stoves that are certified to meet EPA emission standards. Make certain

that doors on all wood stoves fit tightly.

■ Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up central heating systems (furnaces, flues and chimneys) annually.

Repair any leaks promptly.

■ Do not idle the car inside garage.

[*Editor's Note:* Article provided by the Environmental Protection Agency.]

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Annual Youth Services fine art exhibit showcases young talent

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

One hundred and fifty-nine youths entered the Youth Services and the Boys and Girls Club of America Fine Arts program’s annual art exhibit was displayed at the Youth Service Center here Jan. 5.

A panel of marketing employees

Winners

PASTELS

CHARLIE OXENDINE, 7
CONNOR VANEVEREN, 12
KRISTEN HENDRICK, 14

COLLAGE

DANAYLA ODOM WEST, 8
ZACH PORTER, 12
JOHN BARANIK, 13

OIL OR ACRYLIC

SOPHIE DONAN, 12
KRISTEN HENDRICKS, 14

MIXED MEDIA

DAVID BRIDGES, 12

MULTI-COLORED DRAWING

DeANTHONY HALL, 8
ZACH PORTER, 12
TIFFANY MERKEL, 12

MONOCHROMATIC DRAWING

SEAN KILNER, 12
LAUREN KEATING, 14

WATERCOLOR

KRISTINE HOUSTON, 11
KRISTEN HENDRICKS, 14

SCULPTURE

CHRISTINE DIMEO, 9
CONNOR VANEVEREN, 12
GENESIS VARGAS, 13

from the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation volunteered to judge the work. Artwork was divided into age groups, 9 and under, 10 to 12 and 13 to 15.

2004 was the first year Youth Services entered the competition and made it to the nationals and regionals, according to Julie Vanderberg, youth services facility director. The program has been growing ever since. There were more children entering the competition this year than in previous years. Last year’s participation was 82.

Twelve-year-old Zach Porter entered in the collage category using pieces of colored paper for the background with a swan in the foreground.

“I entered last year with a drawing of Trophy Point that I did in art class at school,” the six-grader said. “My hobby is drawing. I do it at home. I like to draw people and still life.”

Charlene Hendricks talked about her daughter, 14-year-old Kristen, who did three oil paintings of still life.

“She was too shy to come to the exhibit,” Hendricks said. “She sometimes sketches first, then paints, but she usually will just paint. She has talent and I am very proud of her work.”

For information on YS activities call 938-4727.



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Scheduled electrical outage

There will be a scheduled electrical outage Saturday at approximately 7 a.m. that will affect the U.S. Mint, Ski Slope and the TMP complex.

The length of the outage is undetermined, but it is expected to last between two and 14 hours, depending on the conditions encountered.

Crews will work to safely complete the job as soon as possible. In addition, all buildings, including housing units north of the Cemetery will experience a 15-minute outage at the beginning of the project and a 15-minute outage at the conclusion of the project.

As with all electrical outages, the execution of this work is dependent on favorable weather conditions.

For information, contact DPW

Customer Relations, 938-4407.

End of holiday season reminders

The last day for contractor pick up of Christmas trees for recycling is Wednesday.

For more information on USMA Recycling Program contact 938-4281.

Also, residents are reminded that all exterior holiday lights must be removed no later than Monday in accordance with the USMA Holiday Lighting Policy.

We appreciate your cooperation in turning lights off when required by the policy.

For information on the USMA's Energy Management Program, contact 938-4132.

Heating season reminders

Despite our exceptionally

DPW Notes



warm weather so far this winter, more seasonable and cold weather can occur at any time. DPW reminds all residents to:

- Be alert to possible heating system problems, such as it being too hot in one room and too cold in another, or the loud clanking of pipes, baseboards or radiators. Call in a service order as these things could be signaling a potential heating system problem.

- Not block radiators or air vents with furniture or carpets.

- Keep the area around your furnace and hot water heater clear of boxes or personal items, gasoline, paints or paint thinners, and other items. This is also the case for mechanical rooms in public buildings. Not only are those items a potential fire hazard in close proximity to heat producing appliances, but also our mechanics need ready access to the furnace and hot water heater units.

- Do not use stoves and/or ovens to heat your quarters should your heat not be operational. This is very dangerous and is a significant fire and safety danger to you and your family.

- If you live in one of the following AFH units, your heating

MWR Blurbs

Reintegration and reunion workshop

There will be a Reintegration and reunion workshop Thursday and May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

It is designed for family members of Soldiers and Soldiers who have recently returned or will return soon from deployment. Soldiers may attend during duty hours. Lunch will be provided.

For more info., call 938-5654.

BOSS poker tournament

BOSS is hosting a poker tournament for entertainment only Jan. 19 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

This free event is open to the West Point community. Call 938-6297/8063 to sign-up.

system uses oil to fuel the unit: 114 (North Apartments), 142, 501, 502, 503, 504, 509, 510, 511, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010 & 2020.

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These buildings have only one fill point, so regardless of which quarters the fill point is close to, all residents of the building share equal responsibility to ensure that the fill point and pathway to it are clear for fuel oil delivery.

If fuel runs out as the result of a blocked or covered fill point or pathway, it will not be treated as an emergency and delivery of fuel will not be attempted until your next regular delivery date.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

Housing residents info. update

Residents who have had any changes in status, e.g. change in department, home or duty phone number, change in dependents, etc. are required to advise the Housing Division of these changes.

A housing application has been posted on the DPW/Info Service section on the USMA global mail system.

Please fill out the application and e-mail it to Angel Figueroa or Ann Marie Walminski so your housing information can be updated.

Also, if you have a home e-mail address, please provide it. Having this information updated allows us to more efficiently contact you about issues affecting your quarters.

For information, contact Figueroa at 938-3942.

Drop N' Swap your excess hazardous waste materials

All residents are invited to participate in the DPW "Drop N' Swap" Program for the drop off and re-use of ordinary household materials that are not "Earth-friendly."

As you are cleaning or preparing to leave West Point, either give your unused products, such as paints, oven cleaners, furniture polish and other household cleansers and chemicals to a neighbor or take them to the Self Help Center, during normal operation hours, as a part of the Drop N' Swap Program.

These items must be left with the Self Help Clerk and not left by the door when the Center is closed.

They will be safely stored rather than thrown into our landfill. Also, if you are new to West Point, before you have gone shopping, you may obtain these unused supplies from the Center for free.

All items MUST be in the original container, have a readable label, be at least half-full and have shelf-life time remaining. Compressed gas cylinders, used oils, batteries and pesticides will not be accepted as a part of this program.

All questions on this program and on the disposal of other hazardous materials should be addressed to the Solid Waste Management Branch, 938-4074.

Quarters inspections

All officers/Key and Essential Civilians [Visiting Professors]/E6 and above unaccompanied personnel departing West Point between May 1 and Aug. 31 are required to have their quarters Pre-Termination inspection scheduled and completed by March 30.

You are not required to have orders to schedule your Pre-termination inspection.

All final termination inspection appointments must be scheduled by April 27 for the date you expect to depart West Point.

To schedule inspections, call the Housing Division at 938-6201, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

6	1	9	5	2	7	4	3	8
4	2	5	8	1	3	7	6	9
3	8	7	6	4	9	5	1	2
2	5	3	4	8	6	1	9	7
1	7	6	9	5	2	3	8	4
9	4	8	7	3	1	6	2	5
7	6	2	1	9	5	8	4	3
8	9	1	3	7	4	2	5	6
5	3	4	2	6	8	9	7	1

Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 12 - Jan. 19

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday - Jan. 19

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Deja Vu, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Casino Royale, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 -- Flushed Away, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 -- Borat, R, 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 -- Eragon, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 -- Blood Diamond, R, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

What's Happening

Vehicle registration closed

Vehicle registraion at the Provost Marshal's Office will be closed Monday to observe the federal holiday.

ESGR support

Encourage your Guardsman and Reservists to nominate their employers for the 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award at www.esgr.mil.

Red Cross moves

The West Point American Red Cross office has moved to Bldg. 2104, next to the Visitor's Center.

For more information, go to www.nyredcross.org.

West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shoppe, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com, but is closed until February.

The shoppe is always open by appointment by contacting Julie at 446-2950.

Couples' Party Jan. 26, 7 p.m. R.S.V.P. to 446-4053 or e-mail wpwcreserve@hotmail.com.

Moms and Tots Play Day Thursday at Gillis Field House.

Kids Day out, Jan. 25. Our own story time at Barnes & Nobles, 9:30 a.m.

Book Club, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. Call Kristen at 691-1443 or e-mail westpointmoms@hotmail.com.

DUSA grant applications

DUSA community welfare grant applications are now being

accepted through Feb. 15.

Application forms are available at the DUSA Gift Shop and by e-mailing My5boysk8@aol.com.

For more information, contact Corey Knowlton at (845) 446-2205.

Protestant Sunday School

Protestant Sunday School is back at 9 a.m. on Thayer Hall's third floor.

Classes for all ages and nursery care will be provided.

Three adult classes are also offered -- Christian Principles for Daily Life, Integrating Faith, Family and Profession, and Study of Ephesians.

For more information contact Chaplain Cynthia Lindenmeyer at 938-3412.

Infantry Ball

The West Point Chapter of the National Infantry Association invites all Infantrymen, past, present and future, their friends and guests to welcome the newest class of infantrymen to the Queen of Battle Feb. 2 at Eisenhower Hall from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

For tickets and more information, contact either Maj. Chris McKinney or Ryan Morgan by e-mail.

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Engineer Memorial

The Army Engineer Officers' Wives announces the availability of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards for graduating high school seniors.

The Geraldine K. Morris Award, a new AEMA scholarship, was established this year to honor the

service and memory of Gerladine K. Morris, a former Army nurse, and the wife of the 44th Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. [Ret.] John Morris.

This award is available to a high school senior who intends to enroll in an accredited program leading to a nursing degree or certification that can be renewed for up to three years. Applications are available and must be postmarked by Feb. 16, 2007.

For an application or more information on eligibility, contact the AEMA Chairman, Janice Smith at [703] 383-3970 or e-mail aema.scholarship@gmail.com or visit the Web site at www.aeowc.com.



JANUARY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at
www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Get fit in 2007

The Winter Meltdown Fitness Challenge is going on now at the MWR Fitness Center. Have fun and shed the holiday pounds while earning points to win prizes!
For more info, call 938-6490

12
Museums in NY, 10am-5pm, ITR



Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, 3pm (grades 1-5) YC

13
Waiting Families Support Group, 5-7pm, ACS, Bldg. 500



14
Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink



Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

All MWR Activities Closed Except for Ski & Morgan Farm

16
Round Pond Tent/RV Site Reservations Begin (military only) 938-8811



17
Cardio Sculpt, 9am, Spinning, 5pm, Every Wednesday at the MWR Fitness Center



18
Parent & Me, 9:30-10am (2-4 yrs) YC
Reintegration & Reunion Workshop, 8am-4:30pm, ACS
Spring Sports Luncheon, 11:30am, WP Club



19
Friday Night in NYC, 5-11:30pm, ITR
BOSS Poker Tournament, 6:30-10pm, BSP



20
Defensive Driving, 8am-5pm, Now held @ ACS, Register at ITR



21
Put your thoughts on **ICE** Interactive Customer Evaluation
<https://ice.disa.mil>
Keyword: USMA

22
Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS
Parent & Me, 9:30-10:45 (18 mos -4yrs) YC



23
Preseparation Briefing, 2-3pm, ACS



24
Put your thoughts on **ICE** Interactive Customer Evaluation
<https://ice.disa.mil>
Keyword: USMA

25
Parent & Me, 9:30-10am (2-4 yrs) YC
Family Night Buffet w/ Macaroni the Clown, 5-7pm, WP Club



26
Theater Van to Broadway, 5-11:30pm, ITR



27
Ice Skating Trip, 1-4pm, SAS



Keller Corner

Flu shots still available

Flu shots will be available to all eligible beneficiaries at the KACH immunization clinic on a walk-in basis until supplies are exhausted.

KACH closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Monday. The emergency room will be open.

Childbirth preparation classes

[Three-week series] Classes start Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in KACH's second floor classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210.

If you are expecting a baby before mid-April, sign up now because the next series begins in March.

KACH voted #1

The Office of the Surgeon

General's patient satisfaction survey for the North Atlantic Region Medical Command voted KACH #1 out of 10 military treatment facilities in the NARMC Region for overall customer satisfaction.

The survey encompassed the areas of laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, staff courtesy/helpfulness, overall phone service, wait time, time between scheduled visit and visit, cleanliness of facility, comfort of facility and convenience of facility.

Volunteers needed

Keller Hospital front desk needs volunteers. Call West Point Red Cross director Michele Strom at 938-4100.

How to prevent the flu

There are some things everyone can do to help prevent the spread of the flu:

■ Avoid close contact with sick people. When you are sick, keep your distance from others.

■ If possible, stay home from work, school and other public places.

■ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

■ Wash your hands.

■ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

Research shows that these practices help prevent the spread of airborne diseases such as colds and flu.

Treating flu

If you think you have the cold or flu, contact your doctor. Your doctor may choose to use certain

antiviral drugs to treat the flu. However, colds and flu are best treated by:

■ Resting.

■ Drinking plenty of liquids.

■ Avoiding alcohol and tobacco.

■ Taking medication to relieve the flu symptoms. Never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms -- and

particularly fever -- without first speaking to your doctor.

Did you know ...

A medical appointment is a terrible thing to waste?

Keller had a total of 941 "no shows" for July, August and Sept. 2006. "No shows" occur when patients arrive more than 10 minutes after the appointed time

Army and Community Sports

Army Inline 2nd at Key West Tourney

By Cadet 2nd Class
Michael Coughlin
Army Inline Hockey

The Army Black Knights Inline Hockey team headed down to Key West, Fla., Jan. 5-7 unsure how things would turn out for them, but they took second place at the Key West Winter Festival.

After falling to both Nassau and Binghamton by substantial margins earlier this season, they were hesitant to take to the surface against #7-ranked Florida International

University and the University of Colorado after seeing what they have done this season.

The University of Missouri-Rolla quickly showed them that they needed to adjust to the humidity of playing down in the Keys, handling the Black Knights 6-2.

Army regrouped back at the hotel and came out Friday evening to defeat Colorado 10-6. While all the other teams were out enjoying Key West, Army stayed in and rested for their show down with #7-ranked FIU Saturday morning.

While that didn't do much to help the team overcome a 8-6 loss to FIU, the Black Knights were able to bounce back and upset the Miners 6-5 in overtime on a goal scored by freshman Michael Fontichiario after a Herculean save from sophomore goaltender Sean Meberg. Unfortunately, what goes around comes around as FIU turned the same result (6-5) on the Black Knights in the Championship Game Sunday.

Key West Winter Festival by the
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Freshman Nick Stortini skated the puck across the centerline enroute to one of his goals against Missouri-Rolla. Stortini finished with 14 points at the Key West Winter Festival, which included a six-goal game against Colorado.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY ARMY INLINE HOCKEY

Hines receives 2007 NCAA Valor Award

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Derek Hines, a former Army hockey player, was a natural born leader and Soldier.

Hines made the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed in action Sept. 1, 2005, and his devotion to West Point's cadet motto, "Duty, Honor, Country," has not gone unnoticed by the NCAA.

The NCAA Honor Committee honored Hines as the 2007 Award of Valor recipient Sunday during the Honors Celebration dinner at the 2007 NCAA Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Hines' family, Army athletic director Kevin Anderson, current Army hockey coach Brian Riley and former coach Rob Riley were all in attendance to pay tribute to Derek. Steve Hines, Derek's father, received the award on his son's behalf.

The Honors Celebration, which was held in the Osceola Ballroom of the Gaylord Palms Convention Center, will air Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. on ESPN2.

After graduating from West Point in 2003, Hines completed Army Ranger School and Airborne School. He was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2005, where the constant danger provided a backdrop for Hines' numerous acts of courage before he was killed in action six months later.

On Aug. 21, a Humvee in Hines' unit was hit directly by a roadside bomb. Though he was able to pull the Soldiers from the burning wreckage, none survived the blast. A hunt for the individual responsible for the attack led military personnel to Taliban Commander Thor Mullah Manan.

Early in the morning Sept. 1, members of Hines' squad, Afghan soldiers and police surrounded a house in the small village of Baylough, where Manan was hiding. While plans were being

finalized for the arrest, the Taliban leader came out of the house disguised in the traditional black robes of a woman. He pulled out an automatic weapon and began firing. Hines jumped out of hiding and returned fire, killing Manan, but not before being fatally wounded himself. An Afghan interpreter also was killed. Hines was 25.

Army's Riley said news of Hines' death was devastating to a hockey program that hadn't lost a player to combat since the Vietnam War.

Riley said that a photo of Hines, letters from his commanding officer and other memorabilia also have been placed throughout the locker room as not only a reminder of a fallen teammate, but also as an example of leadership.

"Derek was exactly the type of young man you hope all your cadets are when they are part of your program, but I think even more importantly, he was everything you hope your cadets will be when they leave your program," Brian Riley said. "Ultimately, when you leave this world and you can impact as many people as Derek did in such a short amount of time, this speaks volumes about the type of young man he was."

The Award of Valor may be presented to a coach, administrator or current or former varsity student-athlete at an NCAA member institution who when confronted with a situation involving personal danger, averted or minimized potential disaster by courageous action or noteworthy bravery. Further, for members of the armed forces confronted with a duty-related situation to be eligible for the award, the action must clearly be above and beyond the call of duty and recognized by the appropriate military command. The award is not presented automatically on an annual basis.

SPORTS NOTES

- Army Gymnastics staff is looking for volunteers to help with the **2007 West Point Gymnastics Open**, held at the Hollender Center Jan. 26-28.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the gymnastics office at 938-3802.

- Volkssport Club of West Point invites you for a group walk in Highland Falls. Join the club for a pre-walk breakfast at Park Restaurant, Main Street, at 9 a.m.

The 10 km walk follows the village streets and sidewalks, and onto parts of West Point. Photo ID is required for entrance onto West Point. Call 446-4709 for more information.

WBB defeats Holy Cross 62-49

By Army Athletic Communications

WORCESTER, Mass. -- Four Black Knight starters reached double figures for the first time this season as the Black Knights used a 14-6 run to begin the second half to rally from a 31-26 halftime deficit to defeat Holy Cross, 62-49, at the Hart Center in Worcester, Mass., Wednesday night.

Megan Evans had game-high honors with 15 points, Jen Hansen finished with 14 points, including four three-pointers, Alex McGuire added 13 points, while Stefanie Stone chipped in 10 for Army. Army (15-2, 2-0 Patriot League) tied the program's longest winning streak at 10 games, while improving to 8-1 on the road this season. It marked the fourth consecutive victory for the Black Knights over

the Crusaders (5-11, 0-2). Led by Evans' six points, the Black Knights began the second half on an 8-2 run to cut the Crusaders' advantage to 35-34 at the 16:44 mark. Hansen tied the contest, 37-37, at the 16:09 mark with a three-point field goal, and gave the Black Knights the lead a minute later with another trey. It was the first Army lead since the 3:13 mark of the first half. Army's lead grew to five on two occasions, and each time Holy Cross would cut the margin to two. At the 9:23 mark, Bethany O'Dell brought the Crusaders within two, 49-47, but the defensive battle would begin as both squads would go five minutes without a basket. The Black Knights broke through first with 4:22 remaining as McGuire nailed a jumper to begin a 7-0 run for Army and give the Black Knights a 56-47 lead. Holy Cross only made two free throws during the final nine minutes of the contest, and Stone iced the game with two layups during the final minute for the 62-49 victory. Stone led Army with six points at the break, on a 6-for-6 effort from the foul line. Cara Enright picked up two early fouls and finished with eight points. Army begins a three-game home-stand Saturday when Lehigh visits for a 3:15 p.m. tip.

Intramural update

Noontime basketball standings

as of Wed.

North Division

	W - L		W - L
1. Sys. Engrs.	9 - 2	5. Physics	5 - 5
2. DAD/DIA	8 - 2	6. 3rd Reg.	4 - 5
3. SOSH	7 - 3	7. EE&CS	3 - 7
4. IETD	5 - 4	8. Math #2	2 - 7
5. MEDDAC	5 - 5	9. History	0 - 9
6. BS&L	4 - 5		
7. DMI	3 - 6		
8. Math #1	1 - 7		
9. DPE	0 - 8		

South Division

	W - L
1. D/Law/SJA	8 - 1
2. English	8 - 1
3. G&ENE/DFL	6 - 3
4. BAND	6 - 4

Unit basketball standings

as of Wed.

	W - L
1. MEDDAC	7 - 0
2. USMC #1	7 - 1
3. USMC #2	4 - 4
4. MPs #2	2 - 6
5. BAND	1 - 3
6. 1/1	0 - 7

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by Army junior defenseman Nick Uhorchak, (14) points by freshman Nick Stortini, (10) points by sophomore Pat Toffler, (6) goals

scored by Stortini in the 10-6 win versus Colorado, (3) hat tricks by Army players and (.871) save percentage by goaltender Meberg.